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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial No. 148

Part B for April 42

SUBJECT.

Reports recd from the S.P. Jodhpur & the Dist Magte. Sirmaur regarding the Cabinet Situation at Bhadrawati

(from 29.3.42 to end of April 42)

may be retained.

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Mr. M. NAVANEETHAM NAIDU B.A., B.L.,
Deputy Commissioner.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER,
SHIMOGA DISTRICT.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
31 MAR. 1942
No. 8478

Dated Shimoga, 29th March *194* 2.

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Dear Sir,

I enclose herein for kind perusal a copy of the report(D.O. letter No.M.C.204 dated 28th March 1942) that I have received this morning from the Assistant Commissioner and Municipal President, Bhadravati, in the matter of the proceedings of the Bhadravati Minor Municipal Council, on the 27th and the 28th instant on the question of a proposition, moved by and on behalf of some Councillors (belonging to the Congress party) to invite the Mysore Congress President, Mr.H.Siddiah, to Bhadravati, and present an address to him, on behalf of this Municipal Council.

A full account of this matter is given in this report of the President.

I see that the ruling given by the President in this matter, viz., that the subject is not a matter connected with the Municipal Administration, and as such, is not admissible for the consideration of the Council,(Vide Section 20(2) of the Minor Municipal Act, and also proviso to Rule 2 of the Rules for the conduct of business of meetings in Minor Municipal Councils) and that a special meeting for the purpose cannot therefore be convened, is correct and in order. It is stated that eight Municipal Councillors (belonging to the congress party) staged a walk-out as a protest.

This is submitted for the information of Government.

Yours sincerely,

Naraneetham

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Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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D.O.letter No.M.C.204 dated 28th March 1942 from the President, Municipal Council, Bhadravati, to the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, Shimoga.

I write to state that the ordinary monthly meeting of the Municipality had been fixed to commence at 9 A.M. yesterday the 27th instant. Ten members inclusive of the President were present Before the meeting commenced Mr. B.P.Halappa proposed on behalf of the members present that the President of the Mysore Congress should be invited to Bhadravati and an address presented to him by the Municipal Council and a resolution to that effect should be permitted to be moved in this meeting. It was pointed out to him that the agenda had already been fixed and there was no sufficient previous notice to the President for moving this proposition as required by the Rules. Thereafter, all the nine members present,(8 of whom are congress members and one Nagabovi a nominated member) presented a written application moving that the meeting be adjourned to 28th instant or until such time as a special meeting required to be convened, was held. As this adjournment motion was covered by rule 27 of the rules for the conduct of the business of meetings, I had to defer the meeting. Simultaneously with above application, a notice signed by the above Councillors was presented requesting me to call for a special meeting at 7 P.M. that day to discuss the resolution as it was of urgent importance. The resolution which is in Kannada is as follows:-

" The Mysore Congress President Sriman H.Siddiah, be invited to Bhadravati and an address on behalf of the Municipal Council be presented and this function do take place on 28th March 1942 or any other date convenient to him". The cost to be incurred in this connection was proposed to be met by the signatories i.e, all the 9 congress members and messrs.T.R.Lakshmana char and Nagabovi two nominated members. Thereafter, I issued a reply in the course of the day, that the above intended resolution is

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not a matter connected with the Municipal Administration and therefore not admissible for consideration under Section 20 (2) of the Minor Municipal Act and also proviso to rule 2 for the rules for the business of the meetings and that I regretted my inability to convene a special meeting for this purpose and that no disrespect by this action, either to the Mysore Congress or its President, or to any Municipal - Councillors of this Municipality was thereby intended.

2. The adjourned general meeting was convened for the next morning(28th instant) at 9 A.M. This morning at the prescribed hour 12 councillors, inclusive of the President assembled. Before the meeting could commence, Mr.B.P.Halappa again represented that it has been decided to stage a walk-out, as a protest against the action of the President in not having convened the special meeting, as required by them, and presented a written memo on this behalf which was signed by 10 members of whom 9 were congress members and one Mr. - T.R.Lakshmana char, a nominated member. Twoof these 10 were not present for the meeting though they had signed the application . The 8 congress members that were present, then walked out. As there were only three members, as noted in the margin* remaining after the walk out, only a few urgent - subjects were disposed of in the meeting and then closed.

*Messrs: 1.A.J.D' Costa,SubAssistant Surgeon.
2.K.Mohammed Ruffiyuddin.
3.Abdul Warris Sab.

The file of papers connected with this, together with the copies of the proceedings of the 2 dates, are herein enclosed for favour of kind perusal and instructions.

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Deputy Commissioner,
Shimoga District.

Copy of a report dated 5th April 1942 by an Officer of the Special Branch in Mysore at Bhadravathi.

There was a talk yesterday among the Paper Mill labourers that Seshagiri Sastri would violate the Order and hold the meeting at Bhadravathi itself. Mr. Seshagiri Sastri had stated several times in public that he would infringe the law. They exhibited also a notice at the association to hold a general body meeting without mentioning the date and place of the meeting. But there was a subsequent change in the notice to hold the meeting at Nidige.

Last night the executive committee members of both the associations met separately. About 19 members from the Iron Works labourers' Association attended the meeting. Four resolutions were passed. One of them was to condemn the order under Section 39 M.P.A. Messrs: Ramaswami, A.K. Nair and Narasimhamuurthy did not agree to this.

The other resolution was to support Messrs: Victor and Puttiah who are standing as candidates to the Iron Works Co-operative Society. This was unanimously passed.

The next was to demand increment to the labourers of the Pipe Foundry.

Another was to secure equal number of seats in the "Welfare" "Safety first" and " Labourers Recruitment Board" etc.

The executive committee members of the Paper Mills also met. There were only 6 or 7 including the office-bearers. They passed resolutions objecting to the negligence on the part of the Paper Mill authorities in giving notice to the Association regarding the shut-down. Two other resolutions - one to demand an advance of pay to the labourers for the shut-down period and the other relating to the expenditure etc. relating to the association - were passed.

This morning labourers of the Paper Mills proceeded to Nidige village to attend the meeting. The gathering was abou fifty to sixty. Four ladies too attended. The meeting too

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place under the presidentship of one Sreenivasa Rao, a labourer. Mr. B.P. Halappa did not attend the meeting.

Rama Rao one of the labourers and Sreenivasa Rao, the president of the occasion spoke. The speech was not so impressive.

Mr. Seshagiri Sastri then addressed the meeting. He emphasized the importance attached to the case of the deceased Chinnappa. He narrated the story leading to the arrest of M.D. Shankar and desired his early release from the jail. He condemned Sec.39 M.P.A. and added that he would prepare to hold the next General Body meeting at Bhadravathi. He said also that Fascism is ruling the labourers.

The meeting took place between 11 and 12 noon. After their return were observed that the labourers saying the meeting was unsuccessful. There was an indication of discouragement in them.

There is information that there will be another meeting of the executive committee members of the Paper Mills Labourers' Association very shortly in which they intend resolving to write to the Government demanding the Court of Arbitration.

The developments are watched.

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Bangalore, April 6, 1942.

No. 139/41-42/S.B.

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INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

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Copy of a report No.FC.153/41-42 dated 8-4-42 by an Officer of the Special Branch C.I.D. at Bhadravathi.

Beg to report that the labourers who were working in Paper Machine and Soda recovery Sections of the Paper Mills struck their work this morning and have joined the other labourers who are at large. Some are said to have still been working the Mechanical section. It is told that the labourers who are outside are being encouraged by the Iron Works labour leaders. The developments are watched.

This evening, Desikan, Siddoji Rao, Rama Rao - the labourers of the Iron Works accompanied by one Arunachalam Pillai went to Shimoga by train. It is told that they went to see their advisers.

This Arunachalam Pillai is a retired man from the Iron Works living in the Labour Colony with his son who is an employee in the Works. It is several times seen that this Arunachalam Pillai has been moving with the labourers and encouraging them.

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Office of the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore, 9-4-1942.

No. FC.139/41-42.

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Mr. M. NAVANEETHAM NAIDU B.A., B.L.,
District Magistrate.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
SHIMOGA DISTRICT.
(camp) Bhadravati,
Dated Shimoga, 9th April 1942.

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Dear Sir,

I write to state that, during my visit and local enquiries at Bhadravati to-day, I learnt that some of the workmen of certain Sections of the Paper Mills have struck work. I got into touch with the General Manager of the Paper Mills, and I gather, that on account of the general shut-down due to lack of coal, only 250 labourers are working out of a total labour population of 750. Work was offered for another 86 labourers in two batches of 43 each, working on alternate days. But these 86 men refused work and went away, saying that they would not work unless all the 86 men were taken on work simultaneously.

I met the General Manager of the Paper Mills, and I have made enquiries in this respect. A copy of his letter No.G.349 of even date giving details is herein enclosed for the information of Government.

The situation is quiet and peaceful. A close watch is however kept.

Yours sincerely,

Navaneetham

Gulam Mohiyuddin Mehkri, Esq., B.A.,LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
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Letter No.G.349 dated 9th April 1942 from the General Manager. The Mysore Paper Mills Limited, Bhadravati, to the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District.

With reference to our personal conversation over the phone this afternoon, we wish to inform that the operations of our plant have been suspended from the 2nd instant due to lack of coal. The shut-down is being made use of for carrying out essential repair, overhaul, and cleaning jobs in the various departments,thereby finding work for the minimum staff required. Those who are entitled to leave with pay, have been granted leave, and as far as possible work is found for others in batches.

This system has been working satisfactorily except in regard to the following sections:-

(1) Out of the 73 labourers employed in the Soda Recovery Plant, 21 have taken leave with pay. Six persons are working in the Mechanical Section. Of the rest, 10 men lent to the Water Works, and 36 men to whom work was offered in batches of 18 each on alternate days, have refused to take the tickets and absented themselves for work.

(2) Of the 25 persons employed in the Lime Kiln, 14 have taken leave with wages, 3 women workers not entitled to leave have been laid off, and for the remaining 8 persons work was offered to be given in batches of 4 ~~ah~~ on alternate days. These too have similarly refused the work.

(3) Out of the 32 persons employed in the Paper Machine, only one person~~/~~ has been attending work, and the remaining 31 have refused work, although they were asked to work in batches of 16 each.

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Deputy Commissioner and
District Magistrate,
Shimoga District.

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Copy of a report No. FC.154/41-42 dated 9-4-42 by an Officer of the Special Branch C.I.D. in Mysore at Bhadravathi.

The Labour Situation at Bhadravathi

Beg to report that about eighty labourers from the Paper Mills stayed away from the work yesterday, saying that they will refuse to work until the other labourers who are outside are provided with work. One Anthony Moro said to be the Assistant Secretary of the labourers' Association marched the above labourers from the Mills to the Association where they stayed away.

This morning one Kulliah, another leader said to have worked in bamboo pulp section, accompanied by a few labourers at large, came to Paper Mills with the object of coaxing other labourers who are at work in the mechanical section and he was not successful. It is ascertained that about 200 labourers are still working in this branch.

Since the work is suffering, the authorities are said to have been recruiting temporary hands to work in the Paper machine and Soda recovery sections.

The labourers are always gathering at the association. One Sreenivasa Rao who is learnt to have been working in the mechanical Section is another miscreant who is encouraging the labourers outside, and even doing secret service in carrying what all transpires in the mills. His movements are watched.

This morning Mr. Seshagiri Sastri, the Secretary of the Association was saying supporting the labourers " This, we do not call strike; while some workers are wandering without employment, some workers have struck work in sympathy. This is a mill lock-out and not a general shut down."

It has been ascertained that the Paper Mill labourers'

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Association has made a reference to the concerned authorities demanding the Court of Arbitration to try the case of the deceased Chinnappa.

Mr. Seshagiri Sastri has not ceased boasting that he would violate the orders of the District Magistrate and hold the public meeting at Bhadravathi.

The developements are watched.

Office of the Inspector General of Police
in Mysore, Bangalore, 10-4-42.

SECRET No.139/41-42.

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INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE
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Copy of a report No.FC.155/41-42 dated 10-4-42 by an Officer of the Special Branch C.I.D. in Mysore, at Bhadravathi.

The Labour Situation at Bhadravathi.

The Iron and Steel Works - The situation is calm and peaceful.

The Paper Mills - This morning, about 30 of the labourers who had stayed away yesterday, approabhed the General Manager of the Paper Mills and requested him that they might be taken back to duty.

They were given a stiff warning by the General Manager and were asked to see him the next morning provided they adhere to the discipline of the institution. Their 'stay-away' from the Work was named by the General Manager as practically "strike", and they were given a further warning against any repetition.

The above labourers then proceeded to see Mr. Seshagiri Sastri, the Secretary of the Association accompanied by Kulliah who was then lurking at the Mills Gates. This Kulliah is said to be a turbulant fellow of the labour class. It is gathered that he has kept a watch over the new labourers who are being taken in the mills.

It is told that one watchman of the Paper Mills by name Md. Hussain approached the association with some serious allegations of bribery against their head watchman Thiruvengadan and the Association is said to have been given full assurance to the watchman of action being taken in the matter.

This day Mr. Seshagiri Sastry sent three different covers containing articles to the Editors of "Tai Nadu", "Viswakarnataka and " Samyukta Karnataka" for publication in the interest of the labourers. In the article, Mr. Seshagiri Sastri has criticised the Management of the Paper Mills and the authorities for having passed the orders under Section 39 M.P.A.

9 The developments at Bhadravathi are watched.

A ~~The~~ copy of the Press article is herein enclosed for favour of kind perusal.

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No. 139/41-42/S.B Bangalore, April 11, 1942.

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తా. 2. 4. 42 లింద హేలాచారశీల స్త్రీర్థ రోలు వేధించుచున్న నడుమొడది
రక్షించుటలన అంతరాంబ కొరకాయింద కొనదగ్గ రాజుగ నేయుచున్న ము బ్బిచ్చారి.
మనిశ లీలరన ద్వ్యంగ్యంగశీల్ల రేలనిర్దేశ లనుశిక్షించినగుణాంశ వరర్షి బద్ధ
ఖగమునేశీ రక్షణశిక్షచ్చారి. ఇందు శాఖాంశ స్థలనిశాచారమ్మ మునిశీరక్షి
రిశి బోలశీ శాఖాయ స్థలనిశాచారయింద స్థలనిమోచనమును వేలిచ్చారి. ఎనని
రవీశేశ్వరదవరు ఓశీ మునవలగర్ది నోయంచువర్ణాశీ చాశీయంత్రిగాబిన
గుణాంశవరు ఎనుకొల్చ్చు బశిశీ నోయిదవరు అలరిగా రసిక, లేప
ఫ్లో రక్ష్ణ్ లోదలాదలు నాశీ ఇలి. ఈశినమున్ స్థీనకీలదర్శి లేకా
చంకా ఖాళ్ నోయంచ్చు ఎనుకొల్చ్చు లభయింద బచరక్షాల గారరు బోలినిశి
ఛదుచోశి లంబుచన్న ఆర్షి కారలశగాటిల్లరు గలు సినిశి బోలి.
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స్థలింద రక్షిశిచు ఛదు విశ్వరము స్థిన్నాంశ్ల్లో చోశిలదు అనా
ప్రశ్నాశీ శ్రీ శ్రీనగర్ చ్ఛమ్మలదు చోశగే ఈ బాచరక్షలనారర బోలనశ్రీ
ఓశీ శ్రీనారరారు? రక్షలనారరర్షి శాంతింపు సిలచు లచ్చాచరు చోశిశి
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ఛశిరచరర్షి జ్ఞలా ఖ్రరోరు ఇచర్ష్ణ్ లు శోశిచిదశి ఆచశిరచరర
చ్ఛన్ సిస్త్రీ పుంచర్ష్ణ్ శీరించవోరిలు స్థీంబ ఆనులూన
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శ్రీచిర్ణ నీంచ భార్ణలన్న లు లో యోలాశి శి రోశాంచు రోల
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నుశ్రిచ్చారి. జపిసనరు బందు స్థ్రీ వంత్ర రోచిచ్చుచలరశి ఇలిల్లు
రక్ష్ణనాశ రోల్పు వ్యధిల్లు లీంచు అలప్ర ఖారనచిశ్రిచ్చారి. ఇశ్రీల్లు
నన్న నలసనర్ది బంధిచి. ఇల్ల్రీ ల్లు నీంశంచునశిగే ఆచశిరచరర

వత్తరసింహులు కొరకు వాసిది. ఇట్టిల్లు ర్స్ కిరణ్ కిరణ్ వసతి దవరిలో జవా
బ్దారు. ఈగ భద్రావతి అయ్యల్లు జారి అయ్యల్లురుల ప్రేమ బంధరకొ బ్లాకిం
ధ అధికారి వసతి దవరు కిరణ్ కిరణ్ రదయిల్లుది నా డొంకులు అనుకొ
లవాయితే క్షీరమ కులకారరమందు కొరతేగళు నివారణొందుగ
లు బత్తే అవరల్లి శాంతి నెలసిలు నెడరొరియంగవాల్లు

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ద మ్యానేస్వ రాష్ట్రగళింద ఈ ఆంతాదుత్తిలో. ఇంధిన్ నంద భూదల్లి
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నిరుద్యోగ తన్నొందనేను బిట్టు అత్యన్నత్త. ఉద్యోగగళు కులకారరు
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నెవర్తిద్ధదల్లు నిరుద్యోగ్యన్న పెదసికెబోరిరు. ఈ దుదరింద అవరన్ను
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Copy of a report No.FC.153/41-42 dated 8-4-42 by an Officer of the Special Branch C.I.D. at Bhadravathi.

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Beg to report that the labourers who were working in Paper Machine and Soda recovery Sections of the Paper Mills struck their work this morning and have joined the other labourers who are at large. Some are said to have still been working in the Mechanical section. It is told that the labourers who are outside are being encouraged by the Iron Works labour leaders. The developments are watched.

This evening, Desikan, Siddoji Rao, Rama Rao - the labourers of the Iron Works accompanied by one Arunachalam Pillai went to Shimoga by train. It is told that they went to see their advisers.

This Arunachalam Pillai is a retired man from the Iron Works living in the Labour Colony with his son who is an employee in the Works. It is several times seen that this Arunachalam Pillai has been moving with the labourers and encouraging them.

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Copy of a report No.FC. 158/41-42 dated 14-4-42 by an officer of the Special Branch in Mysore at Bhadravathi.

THE LABOUR SITUATION AT BHADRAVATHI.

Pundareekan referred to in my yesterday's report attended to his work last night. It was ascertained that he was given suitable advice by the sectional Superintendent and some others against his imprudence.

Yesterday, S.L. Krishna, the president of the Association wanted to send a telegram to the Labour Commissioner with some exaggerations against the management in connection with the above individual. But some how it was dropped. It is often seen that the association is interfering with unconcerned matters and magnifying them.

The labourers are making preparations to celebrate the "World United Labourers' Day" as scheduled, in anticipation of getting favourable orders from the District Magistrate, Shimoga.

This morning at about 9 O'clock, it was observed near Ramakrishna Lunch Home, Bhadravathi, Desikan saying in connection with his pay question, that the Management refused to disburse their (Desikan and Siddoji Rao) pay for the periods of suspension and dismissal, that the Association is not even in receipt of a favourable reply from the Labour Commissioner and other authorities in Bangalore who passed the award in this case and that they are waiting for the re-opening of the Courts to file a Civil suit against the Management. He added also that the labourers at any cost will never yield to the Management.

It is told that Sreenivasa Rao of the Paper Mills who was suspended yesterday, was very much encouraged by Mr. Sesha

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Giri Sastry with an assurance of possible help to him by the Association.

No. 139/41-42/SB Bangalore, April 15, 1942.

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Copy of a report No.FC.159/41-42 dated 15-4-42 by an officer of the Special Branch in Mysore at Bhadravathi.

The Labour Situation at Bhadravathi

Reference:- My report No.FC.157/41-42 in connection with the action taken against Mari and Sreenivasa Rao of the Paper Mills.

In continuation of the same, I beg to report that yesterday Mari, Sreenivasa Rao and another Chandrasekhariah of the Paper Mills were in very confidential discussions with Mr. Seshagiri Sastry, and they all remained in the Association for a long time. This Chandrasekhariah is said to be another mischief monger who is engaged in conveying false and exaggerated news to the Association.

The suspension of Mari has created a sensation among the Paper Mill labourers and there is a talk that Mari himself will be the cause for any strike, if it is to take place, in the Paper Mills.

With regards to Sreenivasa Rao, the Association is waiting for further developments in his case and the leaders are taking to create an apparent scene. if any further action is taken against him by the Management. This appears to be more a threat.

Yesterday at about 3 p.m. Mr. Seshagiri Sastri met Mr. B.P. Halappa in his residence. It is told that the association has submitted an opinion to the Labour Commissioner yesterday, regarding the loss of wages, sustained by the labourers for the period of the general shut-down of the mills. It is further told that the association has demanded the full wages from the Management and in case the labourers are not paid the same, the association will file a civil suit against the Management.

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The Paper Mills Labour Association is having further hopes of getting the Court of Arbitration. The subscriptions are still being collected. The Iron Works Labourers are also said to have been rendering their help in the collections and some of them have already paid very liberally towards the same.

This day, at about 11.30 a.m. Sreenivasa Rao the suspended labourer was very closely moving with Mr. Seshagiri Sastry. The latter was telling that the Association has already intimated to several authorities the situation at Bhadravathi and that nothing will prevent him from doing thigs authorised by rules.

His movements are watched.

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No. S.B. 139/41-42 Bangalore, April 16, 1942.

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THE LABOUR SITUATION AT BHADRAVATHI.

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Yesterday the Executive Committee members of the Paper Mills passed the following resolutions at their meeting:

1. Demanding the Court of Arbitration;

2. Blaming the ban of Sec. 39 M.P.A. in force at Bhadravathi.

3. Sympathising with the Russians who are fighting with the enemies.

4. Scheduling the programme of the procession of the labourers at Bhadravathi on 1-5-1942, and obtaining permission thereof from the D.Magte

Similarly, there was a meeting of the Executive Committee members of the Iron & Steel Works Association. It was ascertained that they passed the resolutions noted below to the effect:

(1) that there shall be a procession of the labourers in the New Town as well as in the old town on 1-5-42 carrying the Mysore State Flag and the Labourers' Flag as well.-

(2) that they shall hoist the Labourers' Flag on the Association office after the procession.

(3) that the labourers shall help the prosecution of the war, by collecting subscriptions (holding public meetings etc.) at Bhadravathi.

(4) that they shall write for permission to the District Magistrate, Shimoga, Minister for Law and the Labour Commissioner.

(5) That the Association shall obtain leave from the labourers to perform the above said procession on 1-5-42 and the association shall bear the cost of Rs.15/- of the procession.

The following is said to be a copy of the letter addressed to the District Magistrate, Shimoga, by the Iron Works labour Association, for permission to celebrate the "Labourers' Day" on 1-5-42.-

"We herewith beg to enclose a copy of the resolutions unanimously passed by the Special Committee of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works labourers Association, Bhadravathi. on 12-4-42.

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However you will understand that the Committee has resolved to celebrate the "World United Labourers' Day" on the 1st May 1942. So you are requested to relax the Sec. 39 of the Mysore Police Act to enable us to perform the same. Moreover, we assure that the celebrations will be performed during that day without any disturbance to the public"

IRON & STEEL WORKS

One Pundareeka, a labourer working in the Blast Furnace was on leave from the 5th instant. He went to work yesterday night overstaying a day and pleaded that he was ill. The foreman who was present in the Section, asked him to produce the medical certificate. Though the former was in possession of the certificate, behaved very indifferently towards the foreman without producing the same and as a result of which he was not allowed to work. Subsequently, Pundareeka approached the Section Superintendent and misrepresented the facts. It is learnt that he approached the Association this morning and lodged a complaint with some false allegations against the concerned officers. It is also ascertained that he is maliciously instigating the other labourers.

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Mari, Vice-president of the Labour Association was on a fortnight's leave and he returned to duty this morning. He attended to his work for about two and a half hours. Later he had an interview with the concerned General Manager and subsequently, he in a dejected mood dropped his ticket in the alter of the Time Office and left for the Association. It was ascer tained later on that he was not permitted to work until the regular work started.

This morning one Srinivasa Rao, a labourer of the Mechanical section, was not permitted to work by the Mill authorities. It is learnt that he has been kept under suspension. He is a good propagandist in favour of the labour troubles at Bhadravathi. It appears that the

authorities may get rid of this man.

Yesterday, evening Mr. Seshagiri Sastry, Secretary of the Association, in the course of his talk in connection with the above-said Srenivasa Rao's case remarked that "the Management is inviting troubles".

It is said that the Paper Mills will start regualr work from the 22nd instant.

No. 139/41-42/B Bangalore, April 14, 1942.

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FC.156/41-42.

Report dated 12-4-42 by an Officer of the Special Branch C.I.D. in Mysore, at Bhadravathi.

The labour situation at Bhadravathi.

Yesterday evening some of the labourers who struck work were lurking at the Time office and some were xxx even found moving about the Mills premises. It was learnt that they had undertaken to inspire the labourers who were attending work with prejudice.

This morning almost all the labour leaders of the Paper Mills were seen at the Association. The Executive Committee members of the Paper Mills labourers Association met between 8 and 11 a.m. The meeting was conducted very secretly. Mr. B.P. Halappa was present at the meeting.

To-night the Executive Committee members of the Iron & Steel Works labourers Association are also likely to hold a meeting.

This morning a batch of labourers approached the General Manager of the Paper Mills with the same tale that the General Body shall be provided with work. Inspite of advice given to them, they refused to agree with the authorities concerned and they left the place in a most indifferent manner. One Kulliah was lurking outside and conducted them to the Association to convey the result xx to Mr. Seshagiri Sastri. The Mill authorities are waiting for an opportunity to take action against Kulliah who is one of those who have now struck work.

The mischief of Sreenivasa Rao referred to in the report dated 9-4-42, is said to have xxxx been detected by the Mill authorities and it is ascertained that he would be removed from work very shortly.

It is also x learnt that Seshagiri Sastri the Secretary of the Association is causing mischief xxxxxxxxxx secretly to turn down the chances of amicable understandings between the labourers and the officers concerned. He is

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calling himself a competent leader and there is private information that he is encouraging the labour class as they would get a labour Government in the near future. Every moment he will be repeating his pet phrase "Fascism at Bhadravathi" and will be uttering that he is struggling with Fascists here. It is ascertained that he has sworn that he would teach a lesson to the mill people if they do not solve the present labour problem. It is gathered that he is engineering a strike after the mill starts its regular work.

The developments are watched.

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Report No. F.C.161/41-42 dated 17-4-42 ~~xxxx~~ by an officer of the Special Branch, Bhadravathi.

THE LABOUR SITUATION AT BHADRAVATHI.

Regarding the refusal of the employees of the Paper Mills, Bhadravathi, ~~xxxx~~ to work, I beg to report that the Labour Commissioner has sent his remarks to the President of the Paper Mills Labourers' Association stating that such refusal to work will be deemed illegal under section 26 of the Mysore Labour Act. This remark by the Labour Commissioner has displeased the labour leaders but it has in no way appeared to have discouraged them.

Regarding the labour movement at Bhadravathi, some people are feeling that it has become mostly a political movement under the present leaders, viz., Messrs: Sheshagiri Sastri and S.L. Krishna. A good co-operation is understood to be prevailing as between these two leaders and they are said to be manoeuvring to supersede congress at Bhadravathi.

It is understood that the Paper Mills will start its work on the 22nd instant. It is gathered that the labourers are preparing to strike their work after the event.

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Report No. F.C.165/41-42 dated 20-4-42 by an officer of the Special Branch, Bhadravathi.

The Labour Situation at Bhadravathi:

Beg to report that the Iron Works Labour Association had applied to the management for leave (on behalf of the labourers) to observe "May Day". It was told that the management gave a negative reply in the matter. The labourers are talking every where, that the orders under section 39 Mysore Police Act will positively be violated on 1-5-1942.

Yesterday Messrs: Puttiah, Desikan, Siddoji Rao, Rama Rao and Singeri Gowda went to Shimoga by 9.30 a.m. train and returned in the evening. It was ascertained that they met Mr. Madhava Rao who proposed the following resolutions to be placed before the committee members for approval.—

i. That the association shall issue a notice to the management in connection with the wages of Messrs: Desikan and Siddoji Rao for the period of their suspension and dismissal.

ii. That the association shall demand the general increment of the wages.

iii. That Desikan and Siddoji Rao shall be provided with quarters.

iv. That the ban under section 39 M.P.A. to be lifted.

v. That the management shall pay the labourers that full wages for the period of their treatment and recovery in case of accidents in the factory.

It appears that the last clause was proposed by Mr. Madhava Rao specially in the interest of Seetha - the labourer who was removed to Shimoga for treatment. There is information that Seetha was admitted into Hospital under the influence of Mr. Madhava Rao who, many a time, visited the hospital to see the injured.

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Works Labour Association may meet shortly to approve the above resolutions.

Paper Mills.

Showing the suspension of Mari and Sreenivasa Rao from their work to be unreasonable, the Paper Mills Labour Association is demanding their re-instatement and the payments of their wages from the date of action taken against them.

Since sufficient coal is not supplied to the Paper Mills, there is a likelihood of the continuance of its shut down for some time more. This has afforded a chance to the labour leaders of the Mills to move very closely with Mr. B.P. Halappa who is trying to popularise himself among them.

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No.S.B.139/41-42.

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Report No. F.C. 162/41-42 dated 17-4-42 by an officer of the Special Branch, Bhadravathi.

THE LABOUR SITUATION AT BHADRAVATHI.

Beg to report that Mari the Vice-president of the Paper Mill Labour Association and another Sreenivasa Rao who were suspended from the work are said to have been fomenting unrest among other labourers of the mills. Some of the Iron works labourers are also showing their sympathy with the above two individuals.

Last night a meeting of the Executive committee members of the Paper Mill Labourers' Association was held in the Labour Office. The lady members too attended the meeting.

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Report dated 22-4-42 by an officer of the Special Branch, Bhadravathi.

THE LABOUR SITUATION AT BHADRAVATHI.

Beg to report that Mari the Vice-president of the Paper Mill Labourers' Association is said to have been moving about in the labour colony and promoting unity among the labourers. Yesterday evening he was found among the labourers of the river bank sheds.

Mr. B.P. Halappa visited the association yesterday evening and remained there for a long time. A number of other labour leaders were also present. They were all murmuring about the unfavourable orders received from the District Magistrate, Shimoga. in respect of section 39 Mysore Police Act.

There is a rumour since yesterday evening, that the labourers of Bhadravathi will assemble at Nidige village on 1-5-42 in order to commemorate the "World United Labourers' Day". The Executive committee members of the associations are likely to hold meetings shortly to discuss the subject.

This morning about fifteen female labourers were seen at the Paper Mills. It is ascertained that the association is persuading them to make a continuous show at the mills in order to throw the blame on the ~~xxxxxx~~ management for not having provided them with work in spite of their personal earnest demands.

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Report dated 19-4-42 by an officer of the Special Branch, Bangalore.

THE LABOUR SITUATION AT BHADRAVATHI.

The Executive Committee members of the Paper Mill Labourers' Association who met yester-night unanimously approved of the resolutions they received from the Convenor of the Reception Committee, the Mysore State Labour Conference, Bangalore.

That no meeting in this connection was held by the Iron Works Labour members. Mr. Seshagiri Sastri alone travelled to Bangalore last night by 10-30 0' clock train to take part in the meeting. He had met messrs. B.P. Halappa, Mari and Sreenivasa Rao of the Paper Mills Association and Messrs. S.L. Krishna, Puttiah, Rama Rao and other leaders of the Iron works. Prior to his departure one Ranganna, an ex-labourer of the Paper Mills had accompanied him to the Railway Station last night

This morning at about 10 0' clock Messrs. B.P. Halappa, Mari, Sreenivasa Rao, Ahamad Sherif, Chandra Kutti Nair and some other leaders of the Paper Mills were holding a private meeting in the house of Sreenivasa Rao in the Paper Town Labour Colony. It was ascertained that Mr. B.P. Halappa, when questioned told ~~to~~ one of the residents of the Paper Town, that he went there in order to propose some improvements in the Labour Colony.

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Report No. F.C. 169/41-42 dated 24-4-42 from by an officer of the Special Branch, Bhadravathi.

THE LABOUR SITUATION AT BHADRAVATHI.

Beg to report that Seshagiri Shastri, the Secretary of the Association (Paper Mills Labourers) returned from Bangalore yesterday by 4-30 train. Sreenivasa Rao and the Paper Mills accompanied by a few others attended the train and followed him to the association. They all remained in the association till late in the night. Mr. B.P. Halappa was also present. They all discussed about "Labourers Day". Some of the Iron Works labourers also took part in the discussions.

Then the Committee members of the Paper Mill Labour Association met and passed the resolutions - a copy of which is herein enclosed for favour of kind perusal. Some of the committee members desired that Mr. B.P. Halappa President of the Association should see the District Magistrate and request him personally for favourable orders to celebrate the "May Day" at Bhadravathi on 1-5-42.

This day a statement from Mr. B.P. Halappa, the President of the Association has gone to the Commissioner of Labour supporting the cause of the labourers who stayed away from the work. He states that the punishment to Mari and Sreenivasa Rao without enquiry and without any conceivable reasons is really distressing and the action so taken by the management is in contravention of Labour Act. Mr. B.P. Halappa has supported the lady workers also with some allegations against the management and conclusively he appeals to the authorities to take necessary action and protect the poor labourers.

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Resolutions passed under the presidentship of
Mr. B.P. Halappa.

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(1) The Committee expresses its concern ~~at~~ and disappointment at the reply of the District Magistrate to our letter requesting for permission to celebrate the "Workers Day". Further it condemns the action of the District Magistrate in not ~~xxxxxx~~ permitting them to exercise their legitimate rights particularly in the present circumstances and wishes to bring this fact to the notice of the Government.

(2) The committee wishes to express that the letter received from the Labour Commissioner on 18-4-42 containing the ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ administration report does not contain any truth. The workers have never refused to go to work. The removal of Sreenivasa Rao and Mari from work and the stoppage of work in the mechanical section are against the provisions of the Labour Act, 1942. Though the closing of the factory is not un-expected, there was ample scope for the authorities to prevent it. The Committee, therefore, decides that the workers are entitled to wages for the period of the shut-down.

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Report ~~of~~ dated 25-4-42 by an officer of the Special Branch, Bhadravathi.

THE LABOUR SITUATION AT BHADRAVATHI.

Beg to report that the Iron Works Labour Association has arranged to hold a general body meeting in the New Town Theatre on 26-4-42. Hand-bills printed under the name of Mr. H.K. Puttiah, Secretary of the Association are being distributed in the public. It is ascertained that the Management has granted permission to hold the said meeting. There is information that the Paper Mill Labourers also may take part, but it is not corroborated by the leaders.

Mr. B.P. Halappa left for Bangalore yesterday by 10-30 p.m. train. It is told that he will visit Hubli too.

The regular operations of the Paper Mills may commence very shortly. Mr. Mari, the Vice-president of the association is attending to his work. Sreenivasa Rao, the other labour leader is ~~k~~ still out moving very closely with Mr. Seshagiri Shastri. It is learnt that he is very indifferent towards his own work and the management which appears to be the effect of the influence of Mr. Seshagiri Sastri.

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The developments are watched.

No. 139 /S.B./41-42. Office of the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore, Bangalore,

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Report No.F.C.168/41-42 dated 23-4-42 by an officer of the Special Branch, Bhadravathi.

THE LABOUR SITUATION AT BHADRAVATHI.

Beg to report that the regular work of the Paper Mills will be commencing from the 25th Saturday. A number of labourers were taken on duty this morning. Mari, the vice-president of the association had an interview with the General Manager of the Mills and he will be taken on his work this evening. It is told that Sreenivasa Rao the other leader will also be taken on duty from tomorrow.

Many of the labourers from the Iron Works are eagerly watching the return of Seshagiri Sastry from Bangalore. There is information that there is already a difference of opinion among the Paper Mill labourers and the majority has lost faith in the leaders inspite of ~~xxxxxxxx~~ inducements. There is information also that many of the labourers are not in favour of the celebrations of "May Day" or any demonstrations in that connection at Bhadravathi on 1-5-42. It is told that this matter is under consultation with the advisers at Shimoga.

This afternoon the Iron Works Labour Association made references to the Development Secretary to the Government of Mysore, Bangalore; the Minister for Law in Mysore, Bangalore and to the Assistant Labour Commissioner, Mysore, requesting them to grant permission to celebrate the "May Day" at Bhadravathi on 1-5-42.

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Report No. F.C. 173/41-42 dated 28th April 1942 by an officer of the Special Branch, Bhadravathi.

The Labour Situation at Bhadravathi.

Beg to report that Mr. B.P. Halappa returned to Bhadravathi yesterday by 4-30 p.m. train and immediately afterwards visited the Labour Association and met the labour leaders.

The Iron Works Labour Association has again made a reference to the Management requesting to treat the day (1-5-42) as a holiday. There is information also that the labourers will individually approach the concerned authorities for a day's leave and even they are prepared to lose their wages in honour of the "Day."

Labourers are seen here and there at Bhadravathi, talking in groups and showing their steadfast disposition to violate the rule and celebrate their function as scheduled inspite of obstacles. This is a talk mostly in Gangadicar localities. It was also observed that the majority of the labourers who attended the meeting on 26-4-42 and voted for the celebration of the "Labourers' Day" were Gangadikars.

There is a private information that a photo of N.D. Shankar will be carried along with the other flags during the procession and small photos will be sold in public at annas 2/- each and the amount so derived will be paid towards the War Fund.

The Paper Mill started regular operations on 26-4-42. Mari and Sreenivasa Rao, the leaders are attending to work. It is told that the labourers irrespective of the factions take part in the May Day function.

Last night there was a congress meeting in the upstairs buildings of Mr. Pandurangappa. Messrs. Sivalingappa, Pandurangappa

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Bheema Rao Chavan, S.R. Gangappa of Shimoga and some others were present. Messrs. Seshagiri Shastri and B.P. Halappa also attended the meeting.

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This morning Singari Gowda, one of the important leaders at Bhadravathi proceeded to Shimoga by 9-30 a.m. ~~taken~~ train to see the advisers. This is one of the important leaders at Bhadravathi. Messrs: Seshagiri Shastri, S.L. Krishna, Puttiah, Badarayan and Singari Gowda appear to be the principal leaders to cause anxiety in connection with the "May Day" affair at Bhadravathi.

The developments are watched.

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No. 139/41-42/S.B.

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Report No. F.C. 172/41-42 dated 27th April 1942 by an officer of the Special Branch, Bhadravathi.

THE LABOUR SITUATION AT BHADRAVATHI.

Beg to report that a General Body Meeting of the Iron Works labourers took place in the New Town Theatre yesterday between 4 and 6 p.m. There was a gathering of about 600 labourers. Mostly all of the Executive Committee members with other labour leaders attended the meeting. About eight or ten Paper Mill labourers who tried to take part in the meeting were prevented from doing so by the Iron Works labourers themselves.

Mr. S.L. Krishna who presided over the meeting addressed the gathering. His speech was more direct and critical. Throughout his speech, he showed dis-approval of the orders of the District Magistrate in force at Bhadravathi. He said that the orders under section 39 M.P.A. in force at Bhadravathi is more a threat and that nothing would have prevented them from violating the said order, had they but made up their minds to do so.

Mr. S.L. Krishna explaining the five resolutions passed on 12-4-42 impressed upon the minds of the gathering, the importance of the celebration of the "World Labourers' Day" on 1-5-42 and appealed the gathering to be united and firm of the purpose of celebrating the "May Day" even if any calamities were to face.

All excepting a few unanimously approved the resolutions so explained.

Next one Mr. Narasimha Char, a labourer of the Cement Plant had a chance to speak. His desire was to observe the Government orders, to celebrate the May Day within the four walls of the association peacefully and to co-operate with the management.

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This speech was of no value to the gathering since S.L. Krishna had already made them desperate. The gathering actually began to jeer at Mr. Narasimha Char and some even tried to drive him away.---So the meeting ended comdemning the latter and appreciating the former.

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Even on their way homes, labourers were found talking of violating the orders and making a grand show in the public on 1st proximo.

It would appear that the labour leaders are bent upon violating the orders of the District Magistrate and celebrate the May Day publicly on the above day.

The developments are watched.

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Letter No.S.B.282/41-42 dated 28th April 1942 from the District Superintendent of Police, Shimoga, to the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, and copy forwarded to the Superintendent of Police, Special Branch in Mysore, Bangalore.

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I have the honour to state that the General Body meeting of the Iron Works Labourers' Association, Bhadravathi, was held on 26-4-42 at about 5 p.m. in the Cinema theatre of the New Town, Bhadravathi, with the permission of the Management, when Mr. S.L. Krishna presided. Messrs. H.K. Puttiah, Badarayan, Deshikan, Narasimha Murthy, Gurunatha Pillay, Chidambar, Singari Gowda, Victor and other Executive Committee members attended the meeting. About 500 labourers of the Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravathi, are reported to have assembled on the occasion.

Mr. S.L. Krishna, President of the said Association, first explained to the audience the resolutions of the Working Committee of the Association passed on 12-4-42 in connection with the celebration of the "May Day" on 1-5-42 at Bhadravathi and exhorted their opinion in the matter. Mr. Narasimhachar, a worker in the Cement Plant (a former Working Committee member of the Association) opposed the idea of spending even Rs.15/- for the purpose and suggested that the function could as well be celebrated without spending anything and avoiding all unpleasantness by simply hoisting the flag on the Union Office and observing silence for a couple of minutes to express their feelings. When the above decisions were put to vote, the audience unanimously resolved to celebrate the function as already programmed in spite of the prohibitory order

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and passed the resolution, a copy of which is herein enclosed for kind perusal.

The President further assured that he would again send the resolutions of the General Body ~~meeting~~ to the Labour Minister, District Magistrate and the Labour Commissioner for their final consideration and that they must all be definite in their purpose.

The meeting terminated at about 6 p.m. The further developments are being closely watched.

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